Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program Annual Report

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Yukon

Economic Development

Film & Sound Commission

Minister's Message

I am pleased to introduce the Yukon Film and Sound Incentive Program Annual Report. The Film and Sound Incentive Program provides support to Yukoners interested in developing professional careers in the film and music industries and is an important tool for economic development and economic diversification in Yukon.

Since its inception in 2004, the Program supports local, national and international film productions that provide film industry jobs in Yukon and give Yukoners opportunities to gain knowledge, skills and experience. Members of the music industry are provided with support for sound recording projects that form an important component of their career development.

The Film & Sound Incentive Program supports training that fosters career development for script writers, producers, directors and film crew. Financial support from the training component of the program dove-tails with initiatives of film industry organizations and helps to ensure a collaborative and cooperative effort in the development of Yukon films.

The goals of the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program are to increase the level of film and sound recording production in Yukon, to maximize Yukon employment opportunities in the sectors, and to encourage sustainable growth.

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, $876,193.95 was approved under the Incentive Program to support a variety of film and sound projects.

Film activity in Yukon continues to grow, with a number of large productions choosing Yukon as a filming location. Yukon producers, script writers and directors are gaining national attention. While our music industry is enjoying successful concerts and tours throughout Canada and around the world. Yukon government is pleased to continue to support a program that provides opportunities for career and industry growth and that recognizes the outstanding efforts of our musicians, filmmakers, professional crew and technicians.

Jim Kenyon
Minister of Economic Development

Yukon Film Location Incentive

Total Approved Amounts 09/10
$1,027.95

The Film Location Incentive encourages production companies from outside Yukon to film in Yukon and hire and train Yukoners. There are three components to this incentive program.

Yukon Spend Rebate *- Television programs, television movies (Movies of the Week), documentaries and feature films (but not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25% of below-the-line Yukon spend, provided criteria are met.*

Training Rebate *- Productions (not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25% of wages paid to individuals providing on-set training (techniques and equipment) to eligible Yukon labour.*

Travel Rebate *Productions (including commercials) are eligible for a 50% rebate on travel costs , subject to a percentage and dollar maximum, depending on the production type.*

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Bestboy Productions LTD	• The Skinny Dip. • Bestboy Productions spent a total of $41,250.00 in Yukon. Ten Yukoners were employed on the production.	$1,027.95	Complete

Yukon Film Development Fund

Total Approved Amounts 09/10
$79,650.00

Under the Film Development Fund, up to 50% of actual Yukon expenditures to a maximum of $35,000, or 33% of total project expenses, whichever is the lesser, is available to Yukon residents or Yukon corporations to assist with the cost of development of film projects in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast development agreement or a distribution arrangement.

An additional $10,000 is available to an applicant if the broadcaster/distributor requires more senior personnel, not available in Yukon, to be attached to the project.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Nah Ho Productions	▪ Dead Horse Trail. ▪ Total Yukon Development budget for this phase is estimated at $25,500.00.	$12,750.00	In Progress
Duane Gastant Aucoin	▪ Ax Eesh Has Acadiene (My Fathers Acadien People). ▪ Total Development budget for this phase is estimated at $22,400.00.	$4,800.00	In Progress
Mitch Miyagawa/Angela Walkley O/A Up and Away Productions	▪ Apologies Phase 2. ▪ Total Development budget for this phase was $36,000.00.	$18,000.00	Complete
Nah Ho Productions Inc.	▪ Trapper Johnson. ▪ Total Development budget for this phase is estimated at $52,052.00.	$21,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Max Fraser O/A Max Fraser Video Productions	▪ Whitehorse 911: Never Happen Here. ▪ Total Yukon Development budget for this phase is estimated at $44,200.00.	$23,100.00	In Progress

Yukon Film Production Fund

Total Approved Amounts 09/10
$663,366.00

Under the Film Production Fund, up to $500,000/project is available to Yukon corporations with significant financial and creative control over a film project, to assist with the costs of producing the film in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast license or a distribution arrangement. Requests for amounts over the maximum of $500,000 are subject to Management Board approval.

For productions solely controlled by a Yukon resident or corporation, the contributions will be based on 30% of Yukon expenditures, or 30% of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

For co-productions, the contribution will be based on 30% of Yukon expenditures, or 20% of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Sun-Rock Productions 7-13 (YK) Inc.	▪ Anash and the Legacy of the Sun Rock (7-13). ▪ Total budget is projected at $2,800,000.00.	$560,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
RCJ Yukon Productions Inc.	▪ Red Coat Justice. ▪ Filming Complete. ▪ Total budget is projected at $1,250,000.	$65,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Apologies Productions (YT) Inc.	▪ Apologies ▪ Total budget is projected at $361,221.00	$38,366.00	Currently Filming

Yukon Film Training Initiative

Total Approved Amounts 09/10
$42,150.00

Under the Film Training Initiative, up to $3,000/person/year is available to Yukon residents for training for a career in the film industry. Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to a career in this field (such as significant recent course work and/or work experience). Yukon film industry organizations are also eligible for funding to support local film workshops.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Northern Film and Video Industry Association	Red Coat Justice Above-The-Line Training Program.	$20,000.00	Complete
Brendan Preston	One year program at Vancouver Film School.	$3,000.00	In Progress
Yukon Film Society	Filmmaker workshops in conjunction with the Available Light Film Festival.	$9,500.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Richard Beauchamp	UCLA Introduction to Screenwriting course.	$300.00	Complete
Dawson City Arts Society	Filmmaker workshops in conjunction with the Dawson City International Short Film Festival.	$8,500.00	Complete
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Yukon Filmmakers Fund

Total Approved Amounts 09/10
$40,000.00

Under the Filmmakers Fund, up to $8,000/applicant is available to Yukon resident film and video professionals to assist them in developing viable careers in the film industry. There are two intakes per year: June 1st and December 1st.

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Levi Gehmair	Hybrids	$1,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Northern Town Films Inc.	River	$4,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Lulu Keating	Fantasy Demo	$5,000.00	Complete
Celia McBride	Last Stop for Miles	$5,000.00	Complete
Erin McKnight	Windbound	$3,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Paula Pawlovich DBA Goldrush Productions	The Golddiggers	$2,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Max Fraser	Post Production of Five Short Films	$2,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Andrew Connors	The Alpine Horseman	$4,000.00	In Progress
Dennis Allen	The Life and Times of Two Dogs F#%@ing	$5,000.00	In Progress
Mitch Miyagawa	Cold	$5,000.00	In Progress
Daniel Sokolowski	Degrees North	$4,000.00	In Progress

Total number of applications 2009/10:- 15 applications

Yukon Sound Recording Program

Total Approved Amounts 09/10
$50,000

The Yukon Sound Recording Program supports the Yukon sound recording industry by providing financial assistance for demo and full length sound recording projects. There are two intakes per year: May 1st and November 1st.

There are two components to the Sound Recording Program:

- *Professional Demo Recording of up to $2,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of 2 tracks or 5 minutes.*
- *Professional Sound Recording of up to $5,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of 6 tracks or 20 minutes.*

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Cole Hume	Professional Demo Recording Death Dealer	$2,000.00	Complete
Cate Innish	Professional Demo Recording Hot Flash	$2,000.00	Complete
Charles Hegsted	Professional Sound Recording All Channels Are Open	$5,000.00	In Progress
Ben Mahony	Professional Sound Recording Fault Lines	$5,000.00	In Progress
Kelvin Smoler	Professional Demo Recording I Don't Mean 2	$2,000.00	In Progress
Dennis Allen	Professional Sound Recording I've Been True	$5,000.00	In Progress
Lara Lewis	Professional Demo Recording Used It	$2,000.00	In Progress
Ed White	Professional Demo Recording Bad News Telephone	$2,000.00	In Progress
Genesee Keevil	Professional Demo Recording You Don't Know What Your Putting Me Through Demo	$2,000.00	Complete
Diyet van Lieshout	Professional Sound Recording The Breaking Point	$5,000.00	Complete
Remy Rodden	Professional Sound Recording In The Hills	$5,000.00	In Progress
Ryan McNally	Professional Demo Recording Rain Game	$2,000.00	In Progress
Nicole Edwards	Professional Demo Recording Love Exhibition Expedition	$2,000.00	In Progress
Holger Haustein	Professional Demo Recording Lilly Mammoth Hair	$2,000.00	In Progress
Genesee Keevil	Professional Sound Recording You Don't Know What Your Putting Me Through Sound	$5,000.00	In Progress

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Kim Barlow	Professional Demo Recording Big Old Love	$2,000.00	In Progress

Total number of applications 2009/10: 25 applications

Statistical Summary

	2009/2010
Yukon Film Location Incentive	$1,027.95
Development Fund	$79,650.00
Production Fund	$663,366.00
Yukon Film Training Initiative	$42,150.00
Yukon Filmmakers Fund	$40,000.00
Yukon Sound Recording Program	$50,000.00
Total Film & Sound Incentive Funds Approved 09/10	**$**876,193.95